

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 166

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Shelley
2 Goodman Taub, former member of the House of Representatives.

3 Whereas, It is with great sorrow that we learned of the
4 passing of Shelley Goodman Taub, who served with distinction as the
5 Representative of the former Fortieth District from 2003 to 2006.
6 She will be remembered always as a dedicated public servant not
7 only by those she represented in the Oakland County area, but by
8 the state of Michigan as a whole; and

9 Whereas, Shelley Goodman Taub was born in Detroit and attended
10 the University of Michigan, where she received her degree in
11 education. Along with her husband, Steve, who she married in 1961,
12 Shelley traveled across the country, living in Missouri, Arizona,
13 and California before returning home in 1969. For three decades,

1 Shelley dedicated her life to serving those around her as a
2 schoolteacher and medical office manager. From 1993 to 2002,
3 Shelley served her future constituency as an Oakland County
4 Commissioner, demonstrating a deep commitment to her community and
5 drive toward public service. This drive would launch her journey to
6 statewide service, which culminated in a successful bid for the
7 Fortieth District seat in the Michigan House of Representatives in
8 2002; and

9 Whereas, Shelley's two-term tenure in the Michigan House of
10 Representatives began in 2003 and, upon arrival in this Chamber,
11 she demonstrated her tenacity and commitment to the office by
12 serving as chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on
13 General Government and as vice chair of the Appropriations
14 Subcommittee on State Police/Military and Veterans Affairs.
15 Throughout her time in the Legislature, Shelley also served with
16 distinction as chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on
17 Transportation and as vice chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee
18 on History, Arts and Libraries. She also served as a member of the
19 House Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Health and as a
20 member of the Medicaid Task Force. During her second term in this
21 Chamber, Shelley also served as the majority caucus vice chair.
22 These roles exemplified her interest in serving her constituents in
23 furtherance of a variety of matters important to her, including the
24 health and well-being of Michiganders statewide; and

25 Whereas, Shelley's priorities in government were also
26 reflected in her professional and personal activities following her
27 service to this Chamber. Initially intending to retire from public
28 service in 2007, Shelley ultimately found the task impossible - in
29 2009, she once again successfully ran for a seat on the Oakland

1 County Commission. She would remain in public service as a member
2 of that body until 2020; in total, Shelley served Oakland County in
3 that role for 20 years. During her tenure as a commissioner,
4 Shelley championed an appropriation of over two million dollars in
5 federal funding to support cultural institutions negatively
6 impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which reflected her deep
7 devotion to supporting development of the arts in Oakland County
8 and statewide. From 2009 to 2020, Shelley was a member of the
9 National Association of Counties' Arts and Culture Commission,
10 which she chaired from 2019 to 2020. She also served the
11 organization as vice chair of its Human Services and Education
12 Steering Committee. In 2016, Shelley was elected as the president
13 of the Michigan Association of Counties, an organization she had
14 been a board member of since 2012. Those who knew her would not be
15 surprised at these accomplishments, as her passion and skill in
16 serving the interests of the community she loved were evident, and
17 these qualities are what she will always be remembered for; and

18 Whereas, Along with recognizing Shelley's contributions to
19 this Chamber as well as to our state as a whole, we also offer our
20 condolences to her loved ones. We guarantee to her three children -
21 Adam, Jennifer, and Andrew - and each of their families that
22 Shelley's accomplishments and years of service to the Legislature,
23 Oakland County, and the state of Michigan shall always be
24 remembered; now, therefore, be it

25 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this
26 expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Shelley
27 Goodman Taub, a member of the House of Representatives from 2003 to
28 2006; and be it further

29 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the

1 Taub family as evidence of our lasting esteem for her memory.